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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 16-23 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 16-23 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/27/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 16-23 are pending in the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on January 27, 2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

3. In view of the amendments to the claims filed December 22, 2004, the claim objections and rejections set forth in the first office action dated September 22, 2004 have been withdrawn. That is, in the amendment filed December 22, 2004, claims 1-15 as originally filed were canceled and claims 16-23 are made new.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 16-23 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 16, in line 9, "the partial filters" should be replaced by –the N partial filters–, in line 12, "a partial correlation" should be replaced by –a respective partial correlation–, and, in line 14, "the partial correlations" should be replaced by –the respective partial correlations–.

Regarding claim 21, the claim is objected to for the same reasons as applied to claim 16 above.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant is directed to the MPEP § 2172.01 which states:

"In addition, a claim which fails to interrelate essential elements of the invention as defined by applicant(s) in the specification may be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failure to point out and distinctly claim the invention."

Regarding claim 16, the claim is indefinite because the interconnections between essential elements of the invention are not clearly and distinctly claimed as they are described in the specification. That is, claim 16 provides for a first adder means (fig. 4, ref. 321) which adds outputs of enabled partial filters (fig. 4, refs. 301-30N), a control means (fig. 4, ref. 341) which determines a partial correlation for each subsequence via activated partial filters, and a second adder means (fig. 4, ref. 332) which adds the partial correlations. One skilled in the art is unable to determine, in reference to the claimed embodiment of the invention illustrated in figure 4 of the specification, how the essential elements of the claimed subject matter embody the invention as described in the specification. At issue is the determination of the partial correlation(s). The partial correlation is claimed to be detected using the partial filters by the controller, however, the second adder means which is claimed to add the partial correlations only takes as input an output of the first adder means. Therefore, the claim is indefinite because one skilled in the art is unable to determine if the partial correlation(s) is output by the first adder means or directly by the partial filters. Various interpretations of the claim may be

made which are outside the scope of the embodiment and functionality of the invention. The claims are not indefinite because they are broad but rather because they do not properly and clearly correlate the essential elements of the invention as defined in the specification.

Regarding claims 17-20, the claims are rejected as being based upon a rejected parent claim.

Regarding claim 21, the claim is rejected for the same reasons as applied to claim 16 above.

Regarding claims 22 and 23, the claims are rejected as being based upon a rejected parent claim.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

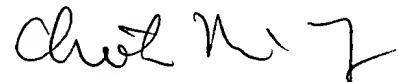
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Perilla whose telephone number is (571) 272-3055. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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